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REMAINDER OF V CORPS INTELLIGENCE BATTALION HEADS FOR DEPLOYMENT IN AFGHANISTAN

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DARMSTADT, Germany -- The last of V Corps's 165th Military Intelligence Battalion troops here have departed recently for Afghanistan, where they will meet up with the rest of the unit for a yearlong deployment.

Soldiers in the battalion's Companies A and B departed March 30 and April 2 to begin missions supporting U.S. Army Europe's 173rd Airborne Infantry Brigade.

"The Soldiers are fully prepared, and this is why everyone joined the Army," said Capt. Bryan Hooper, Company B commander. "They are what stands between their families and the bad guys."

Company B was formed last July by compiling troops from local intelligence units such as the 105th and 2nd MI Battalions here and the 1st and 302nd MI Battalions in Wiesbaden, Germany.



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2-year-old Oh Riley seems to sense that Sgt. Michael Harmon of V Corps' Company B, 165th Military Intelligence Battalion and his wife Youngju are saying goodbye, as the company departed Darmstadt March 30 for a yearlong deployment in Afghanistan.

The Soldiers volunteered to join the company knowing they would be deployed for a year, said 1st Sgt. Aaron Brown.

"Due to their jobs, some off these Soldiers would not have deployed. They saw the opportunity and took it," said Brown.

